

**CareNet Consortium
Recommendations to Primary Healthcare Implementation Advisory Board**

The CareNet Consortium has met weekly since the PHAB's request for recommendations for the \$1 Million fund balance generated by the Primary Healthcare Municipal Services Taxing Unit.

CareNet Consortium participants are: Bethel Mental Health Counseling Service, Bond CHC, Capital Regional Med Center, FAMU Pharmacy, Leon County Health Department, Leon County, Neighborhood Health Services, Tallahassee Memorial Hospital and the WeCare Network.

In addition to forming three options for your consideration, the CareNet Consortium also drafted and submitted an application for a Department of Health Challenge Grant for \$106,000 for three years for "Community Based Case Management for Low-Income Uninsured Patients.

The Consortium deliberated at some length and has devised three options for your consideration: They are:

OPTION 1. Women's Health Services at Bond Community Health Center

The purpose is to improve the quality of health care for women in Leon County. Bond CHC will provide women health services.

Women's Health Services at Bond will include as follows:

- 1) An OB Physician at 12 hours per week for 52 weeks at \$180 per Hour; Total \$112,320.
- 2) A Pediatrician based on 16 hours per week for 52 weeks at \$110 per hour; Total \$91,520.
- 3) A prenatal Case Manager at \$30,000 per Year.
- 4) A Full-time CPN at \$30,000 per Year
- 5) A Community Liaison/Outreach Worker at \$27,000 per year.

On-call Fee: \$200

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| 120 Hospital Visits at \$200 | Total \$24,000 |
| 100 Vaginal Deliveries at \$200 | Total \$20,000 |
| 12 C-Sections at \$200 | <u>Total \$2,400</u> |
| | \$46,400 |

This comes to a grand total of \$337,240 per year. This level of funding is sought for three years. Total expenditure: \$1,011,720.

BCHC intends on providing care to; 150 new prenatal patients and 200 infants and children. This equates to 2100 prenatal/postpartum and well child visits and 500 new pediatric visits. Revenue expected will be used for support staff and in providing for 5 hysterectomies at \$1,500 each, 10 conizations at \$500 each, 10 LEEP at \$500 each, 12 laparoscopy at \$1,100 each and 20 colposcopy at \$300 each.

Option 1 Summary

| Women's Health | One Year Funding | Three Year Funding | Total |
|----------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| Women's Health | \$337,240 | \$1,011,720 | \$1,011,720 ¹ |

OPTION 2: Combination of Health Services

Health Services programs must demonstrate a direct beneficial relationship to Hospital ER Visits. Data must be collected to encourage future permanent funding support of the program.

(A) Adult Dental Health

Patients would be referred from Hospital ER's and from NHS and Bond for treatment at the Leon County Health Department Center for Dental Care and Prevention. The initial appointment would be for an examination and diagnosis while subsequent treatment would be limited to the acute problem or chief complaint.

The Leon County Health Department will be reimbursed for the appointments at the Medicaid Cost Based rate of \$113 per encounter, 3 encounters per year, plus medications. Medicaid would be billed directly for patients that have active coverage. Medicaid revenues would be re-invested in Adult Dental Health.

Method of computation: \$100,000 / \$400 per patient per year = 250 patients per year.

Patient Origin: Hospital ERs would have 60 referrals each, per year. Bond and NHS, would have 50 referrals each, per year and the WeCare Network 30 referrals per year. Total annual Cost \$100,000. Three (3) year funding. Total Cost: \$300,000.

(B) Mental Health

Services will be based on Fee Schedule on Medicaid Reimbursements. The based rates are \$925.62- Medication only-, \$1,150.34- Counseling only, \$1,853.96- Medication and Counseling. The Medication and Counseling patients consists of 65% of the service population, Medication only patients consists of 25% and Counseling-only patients consists of 10%.

Method of computation: 80 patient referrals for Counseling and Medication @ \$1,854 (\$148,320) and an additional 25 referrals for Medication Only (\$23,125). Total patient referrals 105. Total annual program cost: \$171,445. Two (2) year funding:

¹ It is anticipated that non-immediate designated funding will be invested by the County Office of Management and Budget at market rates..

\$342,890. Patient Origin: 12 Patient referrals each from the Hospital ERs. 40 referrals each from Bond and NHS.

(C) Diabetes Monitoring

The company will give us 20 free meters per month for the 1st year. Strips for the meter will run for \$120 per month per patients and the patient will receive 200 strips. The FAMU Pharmacy is to be funded for 50 patient referrals.

Method of computation: \$1440 per patient per year. Total annual funding: \$72,000. Three (3) year funding: \$216,000.

Patient Origin: Each Clinic would refer 25 patients per year.

(D) Transportation

Bond, NHS, WeCare, TMH and CRMC are to receive \$5,000 annually for Indigent Care Transportation. Trip cost will range from \$12 to \$35 dollars per trip.

Method of computation: Total annual cost: \$25,000. Three (3) year funding: \$75,000. Monthly accountability: Who, What, When and Why. Agencies to be reimbursed periodically upon appropriate invoice.

(E) Mental Health Medications

FAMU Pharmacy would handle prescription Mental Health Medications upon referral of patients from Bond CHC and Neighborhood Health Services. It is estimated that Per Month patient cost would average \$50.00 per month or \$600 per year. **Method of computation:** 55 per year @ \$600 = \$33,000 yearly cost. Three Years: \$100,000. Monthly accountability.

Summary Option 2

| Health Program | Two Year Funding | Three Year Funding | Total |
|---------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| Adult Dental Health | | \$300,000 | \$300,000 |
| Mental Health | \$342,890 | | \$342,890 |
| Diabetes Monitoring | | \$216,000 | \$216,000 |
| Transportation | | \$75,000 | \$75,000 |
| Mental Health Meds | | \$100,000 | \$100,000 |
| Total | | | \$1,033,890 ² |

OPTION III. Indigent Primary Care Center at TCC Health Services Learning Center

Appropriate \$1 Million to Tallahassee Community College, Health Services Learning Center for a primary health care services clinic of a minimum of 10,000 sq. ft. for the

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indigent and uninsured Citizens of Leon County at the proposed TCC Health Services Learning Center. TCC shall use these funds to leverage legislative funding support during the 2005-2006 Legislative Session.

Option 3 Summary

| Program | | Funding Total |
|---|--|----------------------|
| Primary Health Care Clinic for Uninsured and Indigent at TCC Health Services Learning Center | | \$1,000,000 |
| Total | | \$1,000,000 |